FROM THE PRINCIPAL CLASS TEAM

Last Friday the school appeared live on the ABC’s morning news in relation to ‘Walk Safely To School Day’ I would like to thank Natalie Filmer and her daughter Chai for the interview they gave about the school’s involvement in the day. Mr F’s ‘Golden Shoe’ award was also a feature and Mr F announced this morning that 5/6W won the award and will have the ‘Golden Shoe’ in their classroom for the next twelve months. Thank you to everyone involved with the organisation, we had an overwhelming response from the children and families walking to school.

Two weeks ago I mentioned how much the school relies on parent payments of levies and fees. One of the voluntary levies we have is for our school nurse. Jen, our school nurse sees a large number of children every day and has to make judgements about whether to contact parents, whether children should go home and/or suggest that they see a doctor. Jen is also doing on-going head lice checks and monitors the information to staff in regard to children with severe allergies. Parents must however be mindful that the school nurse is not an alternative to taking children to the doctor and that if a child is unwell or has sustained an injury whilst at home that they be kept at home and medical attention sought if necessary.

This week is Education Week throughout Victoria. Here at Roberts McCubbin PS we believe every week is Education Week with all children and staff engaged in learning and teaching often with parents actively involved as well supporting our priority of developing quality partnerships in the learning process. On Tuesday we held our Open Morning with tours conducted by our eight House and Vice Captains. We must thank those Year 6 students who once again did the school proud with their friendly, positive approach to their job as tour leaders. Like previous years we had people on the tours comment on how well the students conducted themselves and how it was great to hear about the school from the student’s perspective.

Marg Pickburn
Principal

The 2012 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) for 56 students:

- Spelling: Tuesday, 19th June
- English: Tuesday, 31st July
- Mathematics: Tuesday, 14th August

DATING TO REMEMBER

Thursday, 24th May
- 3/4A Morning Tea, Red Cup Café, 1124 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill straight after school drop off

Friday, 25th May
- PFA Women’s Champagne Night in Hall

Monday, 28th May
- District Cross Country – Selected Students in Grades 3-6
- Artists’ Camp Fair Meeting in Staffroom - 7:30pm

Wednesday, 30th May
- Craft Group in Community Room 11:30 – 1:30pm
- Education Committee Meeting in Staffroom - 6:00pm

Tuesday, 5th June
- 3/4 Dinner at Tien Dat Restaurant, 3 Carrington Street, Box Hill – 7:30pm

Friday, 8th June
- Division Cross Country
- Junior School Multicultural Dress Up Day / Parade – 9:15am

Tuesday, 12th June
- Richmond AFL player visiting

Wednesday, 13th June
- Craft Group in Community Room 11:30 – 1:30pm
- Finance Meeting in Staffroom - 6:00pm
- School Council Meeting in Staffroom – 7:00pm

Thursday, 14th June
- Dad’s Night at Box Hill Golf Club – 7:30pm

Friday, 15th June
- School Tour – 9:30am

Tuesday, 19th June
- Junior School Concert at Crossway
- Art Show Meeting in Staffroom – 7:30pm

Wednesday, 20th June
- Craft Group in Community Room 11:30 – 1:30pm

Friday, 22nd June
- Craft Market – 3:00 – 4:00pm
- Reports go home

Wednesday, 27th June
- Junior School Walk to Artists’ Park

Thursday, 28th June
- Last Day of Term 2 – Normal Dismissal Time

NOTICES sent home last week

To: Grades 3-6
District Cross Country Excursion Permission Form
Letter re: Belinda Treseder leaving

* Please note – Items marked in BOLD require parent response.
** For your convenience, this notice can be printed from the school’s website. Click on Practicalities tab on the Home page, then 2011 Permission Forms and Information Forms.
The PFA invites all women of the Roberts McCubbin community to our Women’s Champagne Night to celebrate women’s lives.

Mothers, grandmothers, carers and friends are all welcome to enjoy an ambient evening that includes live entertainment, delicious finger food, pampering opportunities and a raffle. The choice is yours, grab a glass of bubbles, wine, or non-alcoholic drink and enjoy this opportunity to mingle amongst friends. This event is a lovely opportunity to get to know and catch up with other women from our school community – as with all six degrees of separation, somebody will know somebody else they think you should meet!

You may choose to treat yourself to one or more pamper sessions available on the night. The cost for each is $15 for 10 minutes:

- Tarot Card Reading
- Mini Manicure
- Mini Massage
- Mini Make Up Tips/Application/Make over

A raffle for some great prizes will occur on the evening for 50 cents each ticket!

We have accumulated some beautiful and interesting prizes for our raffle so you may want to come along with a bit extra for a chance to win something special and indulgent. The proceeds from the raffle will go towards raising funds for iPad’s for the classes.

Don’t fret ladies…you don’t have to come along without make up to get your mini make up session – our Professional Makeup Artist Amie will do a quick clean up before applying and she has also organized a list of options for you to choose from – Day or Night Makeup Application, Get to Know Your Face or Colour Matching session! Our Manicurist for the night will look after your nails, with a beautiful manicure and a choice of nail colour. Natalie and her partner will set up their massage chair and take care of your shoulders and neck, or target those areas that need some special attention or you may wish to indulge, simply because you deserve it (not to worry – clothes on!). And Joyce is back with her Tarot cards for your special private reading.

Such great opportunities for a little more indulgence on the night – you may not want to go home!

You can still RSVP just return the reply slip to the school office by Thursday or email matoularomeo@yahoo.com.au. To keep it simple tickets will not be issued, names of those attending will be registered at the door.
Can you help?

On the Night: We need a few people to help Jo at the door (7.30 to 8.30) or serving alcohol (7.30 to 10.30) in 30 min bursts. If you can help with either please let me know by contacting me on 0411 089 506 or matoularomeo@yahoo.com.au so I can place you on the list otherwise come around to the junior deck area so you can place your name down.

As always, your help and support is truly appreciated - thank you!

Help the PFA raise funds for Cancer Research and Support
Come along to our Biggest Morning tea – Monday 28th May in the School Hall

The PFA will be hosting a morning tea on Monday morning the 28th May after assembly to help raise funds for cancer research and support. Please join us and make a donation for a worthwhile cause. Coffee, tea, and cake/biscuits will be available.

Beanie Kids Fundraiser is back for 2012!

Beanie Kids has joined forces with our school this year to help raise money for iPad’s, LCD screens, and technology in our classes. Beanie Kids are a cute, cuddly, and popular 21cm bean-filled plush bear that are fun to collect and make great gifts. For every bear sold at $11.99, $4.99 will be donated to our school. This is a great fun way of raising money for our classrooms.

There are also some great prizes on offer this year!

- Every participant will receive a cool Beanie Kids environmental bag!
- Buy 3 Beanie Kids – receive a free Beanie Kids Bag Tag!
- Buy 6 Beanie Kids – receive a free VIP Beanie Master bear!
- For each Beanie Kid purchased receive one entry into a raffle to win a 40cm VIP Beanie Master Cuddly Kid.

The Beanie Kids fundraiser will run until 12th June, order forms will be handed out to all children this week. Any enquiries please contact Sue Truscott 0402 276 209

Trivia Night – 11th August at the Box Hill Town Hall

Dana BP and her team have our fabulous and famous Trivia Night booked in for the 11th of August at the Box Hill Town Hall - the theme for the Trivia Night is a secret and all will be revealed soon – you'll love it! Work is under way, the invitation is being created, and can I tell you I am very excited! Fiona S and Sarah McC and Jacque B are sworn to secrecy – they know the theme – I told you to come along to our meeting…now you'll have to wait! Can I...should I…give you a hint? Mmmm…maybe next week!

Trivia Night Planning Meeting: Monday 4th June at 7.30pm in the school staffroom (next to the office), is our next meeting. We would appreciate your involvement and support, it is a lot of fun getting the theme happening and help to get things organised is always appreciated. So, if you can come along we would love to have you as part of our trivia team of helpers!

Brass Bedlam “Play The Junky Music” Fundraiser – Thank You!

Thank you to all the families that attended the show “Play that Junky Music” at the Box Hill Community Arts Centre. Brass Bedlam donated $140 towards our fundraising efforts. We hope you enjoyed the show and a huge thank you must go to Brass Bedlam for their generous donation.
Forest Hill Chase School Rewards Competition is on!

Does your family do all their shopping at Forest Hill Chase? If so that’s great if not maybe now is the time to start!

Our school has been registered for a chance to share in thousands of dollars worth of prizes and the chance to win one of two $40,000 School Rescue packages with the Run Around Australia Competition. There are Gold Medal Makeover, School and Customer (VIP members) prizes to be won.

Every time you, your friends, or family shop at Forest Hill Chase Shopping Centre, you simply place your receipts in the Roberts McCubbin boxes located near the Body Shop and Best and Less stores. If you need your receipts, you can take them to the Customer Service Desk at Forest Hill Chase and they will record the “kilometres” and stamp the receipt so that it has been counted. Each dollar spent in the centre helps our school earn kilometres. These kilometres are then added to our school’s “journey” around a predetermined track around Australia. The more you spend the closer our school gets to winning a share of the prizes. Visit www.runaroundaustralia.com.au for more details. So tell your friends, family, and neighbours to place their Forest Hill Chase receipts in the Roberts McCubbin boxes! Also, don’t forget there will also be a box on the PFA table in the school office foyer for your receipts.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

We can earn some valuable learning resources from Modern Teaching Aids in the areas of mathematics, English resources, science equipment, or arts and craft materials etc thanks to Woolworths Earn and Learn program.

When you shop at Woolworths, you can collect stickers from the checkout operator and stick them on the Woolworths Earn and Learn Sticker Cards. There will be one sticker for every $10 spent (excludes liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). These stickers earn us the points towards purchasing some of the learning resources from MTA. Place your completed Earn and Learn Sticker Card in the big Woolworths Box in the School Office foyer. There are extra sticker cards available in the office foyer and at Woolworths and don’t forget to ask the for your stickers at the cash register when you pay for your shopping! For more information visit www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.com.au.

Thank you for your support with these programs, the children and our school have a chance to benefit greatly.

PFA Meetings

Roberts McCubbin parents are invited and welcome to attend our monthly meetings. At these meetings, we discuss our recent events and any new business/ideas/thoughts and feedback. If you would like to be a part of these discussions or want to be involved but not sure how, we would love for you to come along!

Our next immediate meetings are Monday 4th June 9.30am in the School Hall after assembly. Tuesday 26th June 8pm at Inga’s (PFA Treasurer) House (not 26th July as previously mentioned in newsletter - sorry!) Monday 6th August 9.30am in the School Hall after assembly.

Up Coming PFA Events

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Other fundraisers we would like to investigate are: Woolworths Sausage Sizzle and a Pie Drive – stay tuned for more information.

Your feedback is important to us.

Every year the PFA (not necessarily the same team of people) organises events for social and or fundraising purposes. Often the event is reviewed and we ask ourselves if it was a success. Could it have been done differently? What else can the PFA do for our school community. We would love your feedback, just click on http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MXJGNY5. If the link to the survey doesn’t work when you click on it, copy and paste the link to your browser.
If you would rather complete a paper survey you will find a copy of this survey on the PFA table in the office foyer - simply place it in our new suggestion box!

**Thought for the Week**

“Art does not reproduce what we see; rather, it makes us see.”

Paul Klee

Matoula Romeo
PFA President

**District Cross Country**

Good luck to 59 children from Grades 3 to 6 who will be competing at the District Cross Country this Monday. These children have been training extremely hard and I’m very proud of their efforts.

Don’t forget that the new venue is Ruffey Lake park with the first event, the Girls 10 year olds, starts at 12:30 with races going off every 15 minutes.

**Walk Safely to School Day**

This year Walk Safely To School Day was a huge success with a vast majority of children walking some or all of the way to school last Friday.

5/6 W was the winner of the prestigious (if not smelly) “Golden Shoe Award” with 85% of children in their class walking to school over a 3 day period.

This year 8 classes achieved a perfect 100% record of all children walking to school on Friday. Well done to JCB, JCC, JCO, 3/4A, 3/4K, 3/4M, 5/6A and 5/6W. This number was well up on the 2 classes from last year. Special thanks to Natalie Filmer who is the driving force behind this important day.

Tim Fearn-Wannan

**Entertainment Book Fundraiser**

Our records show that a number of families have not returned their Entertainment Book and they are now OVERDUE. If you are not purchasing the book, could you please return it to school as soon as possible. We need to account for all books and return them to the company.

Suzie Markopoulos - Business Manager

**Roberts McCubbin Artists’ Camp Fair 2012**

The annual Artists’ Camp Fair will be held on **Saturday, 10th November**.

Our first fair meeting is to be held on Monday, 28th May @ 7.30pm in the school staffroom. Everyone is invited to attend and contribute to organizing this fantastic school event.
**Uniform Shop**

**Shop Open Times**

**Tuesday:**
3:00pm - 4:00pm

**Thursday:**
8:30am - 9:30am

The Bomber Jacket Sale!
As you know the school introduced the new polar fleece jackets last year. We now only have a very small amount of bomber jackets left.

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This is your last chance to purchase a new bomber jacket and we are offering it to you at a reduced price of $30 each.

First in best dressed, remember the stocks are limited so be quick!

Also our delivery of track pants came yesterday so you can get your orders in for those now too!

See you in the shop

Kathryn Anderson and Sue Truscott

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**RMPS EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Our next Education Committee for 2012 will be held on Wednesday 30th May from 6.00pm-7.00pm in the staffroom.

All parents are very welcome to attend our meetings.

We always appreciate your constructive input.

**AGENDA**

- Ongoing review of updated Policies
- Technology in our classrooms

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**We would like to invite the parents and carers of 3/4A children to a coffee and chat.**

**When:** Thursday 24th May

**Where:** Red Cup Cafe
1124 Whitehorse Rd
Box Hill

**Time:** After school drop off

Please let Jane or Sandy know if you are interested, as we need to give approximate numbers.

Look forward to seeing you then.

Regards

Jane and Sandy
3/4A class reps

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Hi Everyone,

I'm Cred one of the Dollarmites

Banking at school every week is a great way to learn how to save, participate in a great rewards program and raise money for your school. When a student from the school banks 5 times at school between 16th April and June 30th they can then enter the “Dollarmitize me” competition. Go to the website: [www.commbank.com.au/beadollarmite](http://www.commbank.com.au/beadollarmite) and enter your best Savings Tip. Keep going if you have yet to bank 5 times boys and girls.

School Banking is every XXXXXday

PS: If you don't have a school bank account yet, please visit your nearest CBA Branch, log onto Netbank or download an application form from our website [www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) and start banking.
Women’s Champagne Night
In the School Hall - Friday 25th May 2012
Time: 7.30 to 10.30 pm
Cost: $20 per Ticket

The Parents' and Friends' Association (PFA) invites women of the Roberts’ McCubbin community to a Women’s Champagne Night to celebrate women’s lives.

Mothers, grandmothers, aunts and friends are all welcome to enjoy an evening of fun, live entertainment, dance and door prizes. The menu of food and drinks includes a glass of wine, a plate of hors d'oeuvres, and a choice of cake at the end of the evening.

Choose to treat yourself to one of the many pampering sessions on offer.

- Tarot Card Reading
- Mini Manicure
- Mini Massage
- Mini Make Up Tips/ Application/ Makeover

A raffle for some great prizes will occur on the evening for $1 per ticket.

A welcome drink will also be provided.

To donate services or products for the ladies raffle please contact Lazer Gethrie at bbcrochet@optusnet.com.au or Lauren Romano 0411 089 966.

Please return the payment slip by Friday 18th May so that appropriate catering can be organized.

To keep it simple tickets will not be issued names of those attending will be registered at the door.

Women’s Champagne Night
25th May 7.30 to 10.30pm in the Hall
RSVP: Return slip with payment by Friday 18th May in an envelope to your class teacher.

Junior Rockers

Junior Rockers is currently offering lessons to Robble Mac’s students in guitar, keyboard, piano, singing and drums.

The lessons are run weekly around the specialist timetable.

You can choose private lessons ($27/lesson) or shared lessons ($20/lesson). Shared lessons have a maximum of 2 students.

For more information or to book in for lessons, please email su@juniorrockers.com or call us on 0740 3902.

Or go to www.juniorrockers.com and fill in the online application.
**Program Update**

**WELCOME TO OSHCLUB**

Plenty of fun and games at OSHClub, this week we have been creating dances, collecting evidence of autumn, asked to appear on television and cooking up a storm in the kitchen.

This is another call out to interested parents for the curriculum day on **Friday 29th of June. We do have limited places so please register your interest by emailing oshclub.robertsmccubbin@gmail.com or come into the room and speak to a staff member.**

A reminder that the program concludes at 6pm each evening with a $2 per minute charge thereafter and that all children enrolled in OSHClub must have a fully updated anaphylaxis/asthma/risk management plans and any medications required are to be held at the facility. No pen, no plan, no play.

**Thankyou**

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**Next Week’s Activities**

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**Parent Information**

OSHC program phone: 0407 634 842 (Available Mon - Fri 7am - 9am, 3pm - 6pm)
Coordinator: Danae
Assistants: Penny, Priscilla, Fiona, Charlie, Jamie, Dan and Andy

OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au) all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

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CALLOUT TO ALL PARENTS – THE OSHCLUB ARE NOW THE PROUD OWNERS OF A PUPPET AND DRAMA THEATRE. ANY DONATIONS OF COSTUMES/DRESSUPS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED, THANKYOU!!

This interesting opportunity for discussion is on 6am Sunday 20 May to midnight Saturday 26 May (Australian time) for an online conference. The PFA thought that Roberts McCubbin families might be interested to participate.

Parents Victoria Online Conference 2012

Parents of primary and secondary students, in all states, territories and countries, are warmly invited to take part in this year’s online conference, to be held next month by Parents Victoria, in Australia. The conference will be held non-stop on the internet from 6am Sunday 20 May to midnight Saturday 26 May. No special software is needed, other than an internet-connected computer and a browser (speakers are an advantage but are optional). The online discussions will be very easy to join in, online resources will be provided, and guidelines about how to participate will be available.* You don’t need to be a member of Parents Victoria to take part. Join in for all days, just some days, or even a few hours, depending on your lifestyle and other commitments.

Topics

The exact day-to-day conference program will be emailed to those who register shortly before the conference begins. Topics include Celebrating Public Education, Bullying, Multiculturalism, Languages Other Than English (LOTE), Mental Health, Travel to School and School Payments.

Register online at no cost

The Parents Victoria Online Conference 2012 website will open at exactly 6am on Sunday 20 May at: http://www.cybertext.net.au/pv/

*Please note: The ‘placeholder page’ that is currently visible at this website address will automatically redirect to the live conference homepage, at precisely 6am on Sunday 20 May. Please register yourself online, at this website address, before you participate in the online conference.

The conference will feature six ‘live’ daily online discussions, each of them hosted, for several hours each day, by a member of Parents Victoria or expert commentators from a number of different associations. Each 24-hour period will focus on a different topic that is currently of concern to parents. The seventh day will provide an extra opportunity to have your say on all of the topics discussed earlier in the week. There will also be one continuous online discussion that will last all week.